

EDITORIALS

Don't Emulate the Ostrich

Popular but undocumented legend pictures the ostrich as burying its head in the sand when frightened.

But our message today has to do with people—Americans who act like the mythical bird by hiding from reality when for some reason they fear they have cancer. Such individuals fear it, yet delay in consulting a doctor, who might tell them that their apprehension was groundless, or, if they did show symptoms of that disease, would immediately do whatever was necessary to arrest its development.

Those who temporize with cancer tempt death. The only methods recognized as effective against it are radiation and surgery. And to have successful treatment, the disease must be attacked when it is in an early, localized stage and most susceptible to cure. Although American Cancer Society statisticians estimate that 50 per cent of all cancer can be cured—if treated promptly—only one out of three potentially curable sufferers from this malady is being saved.

One of the Cancer Society's three main objectives is to enlighten the public about the whole subject. Its literature, now being circulated all over the country, describes seven common cancer danger signals that can readily be observed by anyone who knows what to look for. But certain deadly types of cancer—curable in a beginning stage—can be discovered only through an examination by a doctor.

Yet the ACS is not content to wage a mere holding action against "mankind's cruelest enemy." Striving for complete victory, it is supporting research which seeks to find new cures, conducted in 132 medical and scientific institutions, and by nearly 1,000 top-flight scientists.

The Society's third major activity is service to patients. Drugs, dressings, nursing, and household care are supplied, and thus distress is alleviated, and comfort is given to countless men, women, and children across the land.

That comprehensive program is entirely dependent on public contributions. This community can participate in the crucial fight against cancer by giving generously to the 1955 fund-raising campaign.

Meanwhile don't let unreasoning fear of cancer make you behave like the fabled ostrich. See your doctor for a physical check-up and be on the safe side.



LAW IN ACTION

The Writ of Prohibition

You can appeal to a court if you think the legislature has passed an unconstitutional statute or a government bureau has acted outside its lawful power. But how do you protect yourself when a court itself goes too far?

"Jurisdiction" is the scope and power of a court to hear and decide a case. Should a court lack jurisdiction and try a case, it cannot properly make a judgment.

The writ of prohibition, a writ of the old English common law, guards us against just such abuse of power by a court. In this writ a higher court orders a lower court to stop acting outside its lawful scope. Thus the courts themselves, like all other branches of the government, must bow to the laws and the constitution.

To keep our court system free of disruption, only a person "beneficially interested," like a party in a lawsuit, may seek a writ of prohibition against the lower court.

Suppose someone sues you in a court which lacks power to hear your case. You may ask a higher court to stop the lower court from acting any further on your case. But if the lower court has already made its final judgment, as a rule, a writ of prohibition will not serve, for you cannot stop it from doing what it has already done. This writ aims mainly to prevent, rather than to correct, an action. When a court has already completed an action, you may ask a higher court to correct the wrong in other ways.

What if the judge or any one else to whom the writ is directed refuses to obey? The higher court can enforce its orders and charge him with contempt, the willful disobedience of public authority punishable at law by fine or imprisonment.

NOTE: The State Bar of California offers this column for your information so that you may know more about how to act under our laws.

IT'S A FACT

by JERRY CAHILL

Next Issue - JAPANESE INVADE NEW JERSEY!

"MOTHER INDIA" - HAS A POPULATION GREATER THAN THAT OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA COMBINED!

TO LUG - ORIGINALLY MEANT TO PULL BY THE HAIR! (From the book 'LUGS')

THE FATHER OF AERODYNAMICS! DR. A. P. ZAHN

INVENTED A THREE-ROTOR CONTROL SYSTEM FOR AIRPLANES IN THE 1930S!

AT CHICAGO IN 1939 HE SPONSORED AN AERONAUTICAL CONGRESS WHICH REVEALED THAT EVERYTHING KNOWN ABOUT MECHANICAL FLIGHT HAD ALREADY BEEN INVENTED BY HIM!

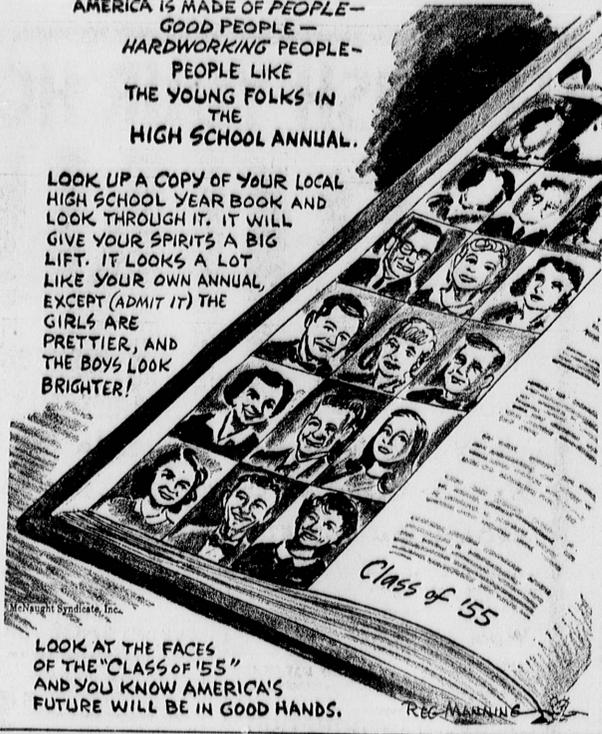
IN 1901 HE DEvised THE WORLD'S FIRST COMPLETE WING-JUMPER AND ISOLATED SKIN FRICTION, LEADING TO MODERN STREAMLINE DESIGN. HE MEMORISED AIR SPEED BY BLOWING 'TWO BALLS DOWN THROUGH THE TUNNEL'!

The "Ordinary" Americans

AMERICA IS MADE OF PEOPLE—GOOD PEOPLE—HARDWORKING PEOPLE—PEOPLE LIKE THE YOUNG FOLKS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL.

LOOK UP A COPY OF YOUR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL YEAR BOOK AND LOOK THROUGH IT. IT WILL GIVE YOUR SPIRITS A BIG LIFT. IT LOOKS A LOT LIKE YOUR OWN ANNUAL, EXCEPT (ADMIT IT) THE GIRLS ARE PRETTIER, AND THE BOYS LOOK BRIGHTER!

LOOK AT THE FACES OF THE "CLASS OF '55" AND YOU KNOW AMERICA'S FUTURE WILL BE IN GOOD HANDS.



Glazed Glances

By Barney Glazer

It happened outside a local hospital. A late-model car screamed to a stop at the emergency entrance and an excited young man sprinted through the hospital door. "Can I help you?" asked a worried nurse. "No, thanks," replied the young man. "I just want to see how far I can get here when my wife has her baby next month?" ... A local nurseryman recommended to a lady customer that she improve her roses by using the early mulch of well-rotted old cow manure. "How old should the cow be?" asked the lady customer. "There's something new on the racket horizon. A man obtains a job and then he anonymously phones his boss and reveals that the man he just hired is a communist. This happened four times and each time the boss fired him with a week's pay and let him go even without finishing out the week! P.S. The police stopped it.

Ever hear a man state all his reasons for not attending church? In retaliation, the Rev. Grant H. Elford and Dr. Ronald Meredith compiled this list of reasons for their not attending the movies: The theater manager never phoned me to attend his theater. I finally attended but nobody spoke to me. Those who go aren't very friendly. Every time I go I'm asked for money. Very few of those who attend are living up to the high morals they see on the screen. I went so much as a child. I guess I've had all the movies I need. I can't stand sitting through two hours. I can't agree with what I hear and see. They don't have good music. I'd rather be at home with my family.

A local contractor just told me about the oddest residence he has ever built. One door will be painted with a sign saying: "His." The other will read: "Hers" and this one will be three feet wider than "His" ... Freeway traffic is getting worse and television shows are getting better so it's a happy day for dad when the car won't start on a week end ... Little boy at dinner-time: "I've chewed these carrots 10 times, just like you told me. Now what do I do with them?" Lady: "If you're disgusted because your husband snores and you can't sleep, how would you like to be married to a ventriloquist friend of mine who snores on both sides of his wife at once?" ... Did you hear about the Ozark resident who was told his new TV set required an antenna on the roof, so he had to put on a roof? ... This is the time of year when a man works on his wife's garden and does the digging, planting, watering, and weeding.

Ladies, next time the doctor says your husband needs a good rest, buy a few sleeping pills and take them yourself ... A motorcycle officer flipped on his red light, sounded his siren, and told a pair of young lovers sitting close to each other: "Alright, alright, whichever one is driving, pull over to the side!" ... Changes in these modern days: Mother won't teach her daughter to cook because food is too expensive for practicing ... Woman driver to husband: "So, I only scratched the fender a teeny bit! If you don't believe me, look at it. It's in the trunk!" ... Simple rule to go from deep despair to blessed hope—get a good night's sleep ... Simple system for billing your accounts. Never ask a gentleman for his balance due. When he doesn't pay, he's no gentleman. That's the time to bill him ... What this country needs is a cheap telephone toll rate for out-of-town husbands who want to talk to their wives but have to listen. Last night, I sat down to list some of the frustrations I have experienced and endured in my life span. I don't think a drowning man going down for the third time can review his past any more completely than I did. I remembered such things as washing my car and screaming in anguish when it rained the very next day. Stepping into the bath tub and gritting my teeth when the phone shrilled tauntingly. Buying Betty Brown Eyes a complete outfit just before we learned our second was on the way. Splurging on filet mignon in the lean days only to be called out of the kitchen by friends at the door inviting us to dinner at a fashionable restaurant as their guests. Buying one of the first 6-tube projector-type TV sets for \$1,000 and pining significantly when the bigger screens were shortly announced at lower prices. Buying three flashy new suits and moaning audibly when the doc prescribed: "Diet."

My teachers, investing in a brand new business only to get that certain invitation from the draft board to come up and see us, and we don't mean sometime. (Opening a small grocery store and popping my eyes three weeks later when supermarket started to break ground across the street. Painting and papering the interior of my home only to stand helplessly and watch the rain leak in and ruin three ceilings and six walls. Swearing off smoking and then getting three cartons of cigarettes for my birthday. Losing my graduation pen and buying a new one after three months of fruitless search, only to find the lost one the very same day. Building a swimming pool just before my neighbors decided to build one next door.

All these frustrations appear trivial to me now. But they were tragic moments when they happened. There's just too much honesty floating around these days. A painter openly boasted on his business card: "I am bonded" and he is very definitely bonded ... Teen-agers just can't wait until they get old. The girls are graying their hair with spray and the boys are conforming to the flat-top barber ... That way, our kids are making themselves the center of distraction.

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The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHÉ, Herald Staff Writer

I'd be willing to bet that if you still have your high school annual, it's got several notations in it that start, "I'll never forget the time ..." Note that annuals were being handed out at local high schools. I was inspired to look at my old annual. Sure enough, there were plenty of notes on the well-scribbled pages which began, "I'll never forget ..." The funny thing is that I look at the names signed under these notes, and I'll be darned if I can remember who the people were who wrote the notes, much less remembering what it was that we were never going to forget.

After wracking my brain for a while, it comes back to me that this one was scrawled by the fat kid in my home room the time we swiped the home nursing teacher's dummy, dressed her up, and sat her in the teacher's chair. Or another I remember is signed by the kid who dared me to kiss the leading lady in the last act of the senior play. Then there is the kind signed "To you—a great kid with a swell personality. Look me up when I'm a bank president and you're governor of the state." At last report, neither of us had made our goals.

Then there are the sentimental kind, which read, "Roses are red, Violets are blue, This school stinks, And so do you." There's always some joker who drew a mustache on the principal and some of the teachers. Or there's the gal who says, "This is an awful picture of me," and writes her name across her face. There's always some character who writes in circles, and another who has to show off the Spanish he learned with an "Tu eres el buen muchacho" inscription. One of the most appropriate inscriptions in mine, though, noted: "To you—a genius in disguise (good disguise)." I'll be darned if I haven't been trying to get off that disguise ever since.

Although I couldn't wait until I got my annual when I was in high school, I hardly ever look at the book now. Every so often I rummage through some boxes, blow the dust off it, and get a laugh out of some of the old pictures. The girls wore those funny short dresses back then, and under the collar when I look at some of her old annuals and go into hysterics at the funny costumes and silly poses. I imagine my kids will do the same thing. My mother gets a little hot under the collar when I look at some of her old annuals and go into hysterics at the funny costumes and silly poses. I imagine my kids will do the same thing. One thing an annual proves is that everybody was young once, although to look at a lot of people, you'd never believe it.

The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

Gene DeBra, who is getting to be a regular in this space, has a very serious question for the cagers this week. On his way to work all this week, he has been passing the Sunshine Manufacturing Co. up on Western Ave. and he wants to know when they're sending their stuff—Florida, maybe? It's obvious that they haven't been putting out much of it here recently—or at least they're hiding it if they are. So ... if any of you have a lead, you might pass it on to Gene.

Don't think much of myself, but a recipe for a dry martini has been passed on to me and so I'll share it with you. It should be alright, it's a formula used (I am told) by one of the pharmacists. First you chill the glasses, then pour out a jigger of good vermouth in the first one, swirl it around the sides, and pour it into the second, then the third, etc. When the jigger of vermouth has been through all the glasses to be used, pour back in bottle for next time. Fill glasses with gin. Sounds like a real party mixer.

Dr. Jonas Salk has been immortalized. Sure, he's been getting the cream of copy in the newspapers, magazines, and his name has been on everybody's lips for two months or more, but he has hit the big time now. His name popped up in a crossword puzzle I tackled the other day. Once there, a simple, four-letter name like that ending in the letter "e" will never get out. Generations to come will puzzle over "Salk" along with Mr. Og and other leaders of men long forgotten—forgotten, that is, except for crossword fans.

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AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

Without doubt the United Nations is the most impressive world-institution in history. It awes the imagination of man as he penetrates through its functions involving the lives of two billion people on earth. Never in history has such a group of nations become involved in each other's interests ... and never before in history was there such a need for better understandings, for the atomic bomb has wiped the word "isolation" right out of the dictionary.

There are those who say we have only one choice ... the UN or annihilation. This is the extreme point of view which overlooks the power of faith, among the faithful of the world. Annihilation is a very severe word and is intended to frighten people into doing something under the emotion of fear. I would rather believe that annihilation is not the alternative to UN, any more than annihilation was the alternative to the League of Nations. It is true that no atomic bombs existed then. But a different "annihilation" was present and equally worse ... that of slavery by the barbarians who were out to crush freedom in the world. "Give me liberty or give me death" is a living symbol of American heritage and I pray it will always be.

In three trips around the world in the past four years, I have been eye-witness to many important accomplishments of the UN, which I have reported in these columns in detail, here and abroad. Its accomplishments would have been greater had it not been for the conspiracies of Russia and the selfishness and greed of some of our allies. But in spite of this the first ten trial years of the UN have given the world a strong plus, rather than a minus result. Extremists on both sides of the UN render credits or debits far beyond the actual facts. And here lies the confusion regarding real or imaginary dangers for us within the United Nations.

When the United Nations was organized by the victors after World War 2, it was intended as an experiment and a provision was made in 1945 to review the whole organization 10 years hence to consider any remodeling of the charter. This was put into the charter to pacify the little nations who felt that the Big Three ... U.S., Soviet Union, Britain ... were stealing the whole show. Because time was of essence and wartime agreements by the Big Three were still in force, it was agreed to provide for revisions of the UN charter in 1955. That's how it came about that 1955 is the year of the "second-look" at the UN.

The Big Three also agreed that should the UN general assembly vote for a revision convention of the UN charter, they would not invoke their veto. Whether Russia would honor its commitment on the veto is yet to be seen. If Russia decides to veto, it is not possible for the United States to enforce changes in the charter ... or to call for the expulsion of Russia ... or even to withdraw its membership in the United Nations, without precipitating an international crisis. The suggestions of organizing another world organization without the Soviet bloc is wishful thinking at this time. The neutralists of Asia, Africa and Western Europe most certainly would veto us down.

The UN secretariat for the past two years have been gathering facts from several hundred researchers appointed for the purpose of considering reforms for the UN. I have talked to three of these men ... and they proved as unbiased as anyone could be in the payroll of the UN. Of course, it would have been better to give the job to a disinterested research organization. In discussing charter revisions with these and other experts in and out of the United Nations itself, I have come to these personal conclusions. The two most important issues, among many others, in any consideration of UN charter changes evolve around the apparent certainty of the experts that Russia most certainly would use her veto against any changes. Most everyone I talked with agreed that a Soviet-veto is inevitable, regardless of the legality of the veto power. The efficacy of getting around a Soviet veto by using the general assembly has yet to be tested on this issue, but present signs I observed do not look encouraging. Three fourths of the delegates I talked to would oppose the general assembly taking on this issue at the present time. The second most important issue concerns the sacrifice of U.S. sovereignty which most conservative Republicans and Democrats oppose bitterly. They say that under the pre-

sent UN charter, the U.S. is very vulnerable to impositions of the U.S. constitution itself and they sight the various treaties which already supersede the constitution.

Most every one I talked with at the UN agrees that the United Nations is an imperfect instrument. Most of them believe that changes in the charter are necessary, but do not agree that the time is now. Most of them agree that the UN was not set up for the purpose of outlawing war. The UN charter explicitly guarantees collective military action against any state that defies its rulings. That this was not carried out in Korea is one of the weaknesses of the UN. There you had the spectacle of the UN voting that Red China and Red Korea were the aggressors and Russia, a member of the UN, helping the aggressors wage war against the UN.

This reporter believes that while changes of the UN charter should be made there appears no way they can be made under the present atmosphere inside the UN. The U.S. takes the position, in opposition to the Soviet Union, that charter review conferences be held in 1956, without stating what issues are going to be reviewed, as yet. Committees are now working in Washington setting up a list of changes.

While you read this I'm already in Europe on my 125th trip around the world, checking among other things, foreign reactions to UN Charter revisions. For this question can not be answered by the extremists on both sides. Certainly not by the reader who writes us on the subject as follows: "Please don't confuse me with facts about the UN, my mind is made up."

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